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SUBJECT: ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT: FIRST JOINT COMMITTEE
MEETING

FOR AEC AND SCI

1. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES DISCUSSIONS OF FIRST MEETING
ABRAHAM HAD AT SCAE MORNING OF JANUARY 21 TO REVIEW PLANS
FOR FEBRUARY MEETING OF US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC
ENERGY. SCAE IS REVIEWING DRAFT AGENDA SUGGESTED:

(A) POSSIBILITY THAT SESSIONS BEGIN AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 4
BECAUSE PETROSYANTS AND OTHERS IN SOVDEL MIGHT NEED TIME TO
RECOVER FROM TRAVEL OF THE PRECEDING DAY. THIS WOULD REQUIRE
COMPRESSION OF FIRST DAY INTO ONE AFTERNOON SESSION, BUT THIS
SEEMS TO BE FEASIBLE.

(B) SOVIETS PLAN TO PROPOSE FIVE PROGRAMS IN ALL THREE
AREAS COVERING NEAR TERM, ABOUT TWO YEARS. PROMISE TO PROVIDE
PLANS AT AFTERNOON MEETING JANUARY 21, WHICH EMBASSY WILL
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TRANSMIT TO WASHINGTON. THESE PLANS COULD THEN BE DISCUSSED

BY SUBCOMMITTEES OF US AND SOVIET SPECIALISTS DURING JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AND PRESENTED TO THE JC FOR ENDORSEMENT. TO EFFECTUATE THIS PROPOSAL, GENERAL DISCUSSIONS AND BRIEFING ON BREEDER AND FUNDAMENTAL MATTER PROGRAMS WOULD BE COVERED IN PLENARY SESSION ON MORNING OF FEBRUARY 5 AND SPECIALISTS WOULD MEET SEPARATELY TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS IN AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 5. ALL MEMBERS OF SOVIET DELEGATION EXCEPT PETROSYANTS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THESE SPECIALISTS MEETINGS.

(C) FROM PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS, REGULATIONS FOR OPERATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE WILL CLOSELY FOLLOW REGULATIONS OF S & T AGREEMENT.

2. CTR PROTOCOL - SCAE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS ON JANUARY 22 AFTER VILIKHOV HAS OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW. SCAE SUGGESTED FINANCIAL PROVISIONS BE REMOVED FROM CTR PROTOCOL AND PUT IN SEPARATE DOCUMENT WHICH COULD BE USED FOR ALL ACTIVITIES UNDER AGREEMENT. SOVIETS WILL AT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MAKE PITCH FOR MORE FAVORABLE TERMS (I.E., RECEIVING SIDE PAYS) THAN PRESENTLY INCORPORATED IN US DRAFT PROTOCOL. SCAE WAS ADVISED, HOWEVER, THAT LAST-MINUTE TABLING OF CHANGES MIGHT SERIOUSLY IMPEDE PROGRESS AT JC MEETING.

3. SCAE HAS NOT ARRIVED AT POSITION ON EXTENSION OF MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION AND WISHES TO PUT OFF DECISION UNTIL THE JC MEETING. THIS MEANS THAT REFERENCE TO MEMORANDUM WILL BE DELETED FROM PROTOCOL BECAUSE WE HOPE TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON TEXT ON JANUARY 22. ALSO SIGNING OF CTR PROTOCOL RESCHEDULED FOR LAST DAY OF JC MEETING.

4. SOVIET DELEGATION TO JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MAY INCREASE TO 13. THEY PLAN TO HAVE 3 OR 4 REMAIN IN WASHINGTON, IF NECESSARY, TO FINISH UP DOCUMENTS THAT CANNOT BE COMPLETED BY END OF MEETING. MAIN PART OF SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD GO ON TRIP THROUGH US. SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENTS, IF NECESSARY, TO TAKE PLACE AFTER TOUR.

5. DURING AFTERNOON SESSION, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON ALMOST ALL DETAILS OF DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR OPERATION OF JOINT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE.

6. SESSIONS TOMORROW, JANUARY 22, WILL BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSIONS OF (A) CTR PROTOCOL, (B) SEPARATE DOCUMENT ON FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURES THAT WOULD APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES, UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED IN PARTICULAR CASES, AND (C) ITINERARY AND SITE-VISITS FOR POST-MEETING TRAVEL. PETROSYANTS IS CURRENTLY STUDYING AEC

SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING POST-MEETING TRAVEL AND WILL HAVE
REACTION AND SUGGESTIONS READY BY TOMORROW. PRELIMINARY
REACTION AT STAFF LEVEL (MYAKIN'KOV AND KHOKHLOVA) WAS THAT
SOVDEL WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DEVOTE FULL TWO WEEKS IN US AND
WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO CURTAIL PROGRAM AS SUGGESTED BY AEC.
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